

EASTER SUNDAY
April 4, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$8,676.44	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,570.76	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$7,645.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$3,958.67
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$7,838.71

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
MONDAY	No Mass OFFICE CLOSED—EASTER MONDAY
TUESDAY	NO MORNING MASS OFFICE OPEN TILL NOON Card Party: 9:45 AM CWL Exec Mtg: 7:00 PM BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM OFFICE OPEN TILL NOON Christian Meditation: 1:30 PM Little Rock Scripture Study: 7:30 PM (Gospel of Luke) Knights of Columbus Mtg: 7:30 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM OFFICE OPEN TILL NOON Mass: 9:00 AM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM OFFICE OPEN TILL NOON Liturgy Committee Mtg: 9:45 AM Knitting Club: 1:00 PM
SATURDAY	Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses FAITHFUL FRIENDS



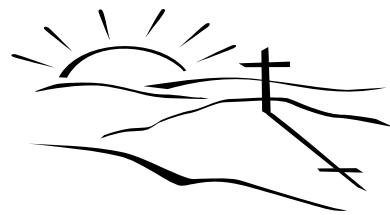
Say Cheese! Our own **Bandi Szakony** will be taking family photographs to include in the 50th Anniversary Memory Book mentioned above. There is absolutely no sitting fee, no obligation to buy photos, no need to return for a "viewing" (i.e. digital photography allows you to see all the poses taken immediately afterwards). We want to include as many families as possible, so please drop into the Jubilee Room within an hour of mass on one of the following four weekends: **April 10/11; April 17/18; April 24/25.**

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Sunday, April 11 from 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Spring is in the air and it is time for the little baby farm animals to arrive. Come join us for some farm games, crafts, singing and snacks. If you have any questions please call Denise 253-5139, Lorelei 686-1813, or Sheila 255-4314.

PLEASE NOTE: Office hours for this week only will be 8:30 AM-Noon.



RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Christians throughout the world are celebrating this weekend as the biggest feast of the entire year. The newly baptized and the long-time baptized REJOICE in Baptism.

We are God's *holy* people.
 We are God's *priestly* people.
 We are God's *prophetic* people.

We are filled with the Spirit of the Risen Jesus; we are conveyors of the *peace, the love, the forgiveness, and the joy* of Jesus.

The Newly Baptized in St. Gerard's faith community:

- JODIE VICTORIA VAN DE SYPE
[Godparent: Zena Hannouche]
- EMILY ANN MALLETT
[Godparents: Jennifer & Gary Lecuyer]
- HEATHER LYNN MALLETT
[Godparents: Sue Herron & Paul Herron]
- SARA NICOLE MALLETT
[Godparents: Pat Taylor & Steve Herron]
- BRANDON RICHARD WADEMAN
[Godparent: Greg Wademan]

Full Initiation:

- GERALD ANTHONY MCNULTY
[Sponsor: John Skelton]

WELCOME into the 'family, and **CONGRATULATIONS!**

As a faith family, we members of St. Gerard's have a responsibility to support these people on their continuing faith journey.

We ask God to bless each one of you and your family members on this Easter 2010.
You are in our prayers.
Father Bogdan Sianozecki and the parish staff

LECTORS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

It is time to put together a new schedule for our weekday masses. Over the next month, we will be reconstructing the schedule, with the goal of having it ready by the beginning of May. Any person who is currently a weekday lector, and any person who would like to offer to be a weekday lector, is asked to contact Doreen Yochim in the parish office, or email doreen@stgerards.ca. There is lots of room for many lectors, so new people are welcome to come forward. We have a person who will provide some training, if you feel that would be beneficial for you. A group training session will be planned for late spring, and individual training will be scheduled as requested. If you come to morning mass, please consider offering to be part of this ministry.

ST. GERARD'S GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
9:30 AM—3:30 PM
All proceeds to Renovo!

Photos & Mementos Needed St. Gerard's Parish turns 50 years old this spring, and to mark the event, we want to create a 50th Anniversary Memory Book. We will need old photos from our congregation plus whatever memorabilia might be appropriate to include either in the Memory Book or as a visual for a display on site. Please start digging out your photo albums now and contact either **Pat Campbell at 255-0756** or **Terry Smith at 255-8227 [abterry@telus.net]** to arrange delivery of whatever photos or items you can loan to us.

Calling all Talent – Our Celebration Weekend is normally held in June, but this year we have set our big event for **Sunday May 16, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.** We would love to include a Talent Show, profiling the many talented parishioners among us. Start thinking now about what you can offer (song? dance? juggling? magic?) and check future bulletins for more information.

A small **Christian Meditation Group** meets **each Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 in the Jubilee Room.** A typical session begins with a few minutes of quiet, appropriate conversation, followed by a recorded reflection on meditation, then 20 to 25 minutes of sitting silently in God's presence. Our meditation ends with intercessory prayer. If you are interested in learning more about Christian meditation or in trying this form of prayer, please call, Anna at 403 238 3114.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Peter's Anglican Parish has again invited us to co-host the 2010 Vacation Bible School. The dates for this year: August 16-20th. We are hoping that we have one or more people who would like to be involved with this ministry. Do you love interacting with children? Do you have lots of ideas for fun activities? Do you see the great value in nurturing the spiritual formation of our children? For further information and a contact number, please phone Doreen in the parish office, 253-2251, or email doreen@stgerards.ca. **We have had no volunteers from St. Gerard's, thus far. Please help out!**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all who contributed to "SKATE FOR DYLAN". Your contributions totaled \$690.00, which Colleen Emmelkamp-Nitsch received with great thanks to help out Dylan's family.

Tomb watches

It all began with a post card tucked inside an envelope with a letter. I'm sure my friend never knew what that small print of the fourteenth station of the cross would generate in me. Neither did I. But I did know the instant I saw the print by the Southwest artist Ettore (Ted) DeGrazia that something (or Someone) tugged at my Lenten spirit and asked me to look longer.

DeGrazia's print shows the body of Jesus wrapped in a traditional mummy-like white shroud, lying on a stone slab. Ah, but the body is not alone. All around it are shawled, sorrowing angels keeping vigil. Their soft rainbow colors dare the darkness of the tomb. Slightly bowed as they sit, one knows immediately that their hearts are weary with sadness for their Beloved. They watch with patient vigilance, attending the One who has given all. They trustfully wait for the piercing light of resurrection to banish the gloom of death's house.

I carried DeGrazia's fourteenth station with me everywhere that Lent. One day in Montana a woman stood up among the retreatants and she described how their parish has a "tomb watch" every Holy Saturday. They enter a room of physical darkness as they ponder the tomb of death and the radical eastering of Jesus. They vigil and they wait silently, as do the angels in DeGrazia's depiction of the fourteenth station.

I understood then the power of these angels surrounding the shrouded body of Jesus. I saw clearly how each of us needs "tomb watches" every now and then. Maybe we are keeping vigil for a part of ourselves that lies dormant and seemingly dead or lost or has fallen into a coffin of depression or despair. Maybe that shrouded figure in us is the loss of a way to pray, a deadening unforgiveness, or a body experiencing its physical limitations. Maybe our "tomb watch" is our becoming the angel of vigil, attending someone else in pain or sickness. Maybe the vigil we keep is for the people of our world as we weep for their woe or for the Earth itself as she continues to experience humanity's reckless waste and the grime of greed.

We all have our angels. They sit like DeGrazia's shawled figures who lovingly attend the body of Jesus. They now wait with us until the light returns. And from these angels we learn how to tend the tombs of others, how to keep vigil with them in their dark dead times.

Easter is about "tomb watches." It is about love that keeps vigil and waits and believes in life, no matter how dark and empty and cold the inner space feels. Easter is about hope that is willing to sit in the tomb while it trusts in transformation. Easter is about faithful companions who keep watch with us and cheer us on as we wait for our inner resurrection.

From Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems and Reflections for Every Season by Joyce Rupp

Prayer action suggestion:

With whom do you maintain a "tomb watch?" What is your hope? How can you broaden your watch in a way that will give hope to others? Begin doing it.

ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Ministry of Service

Funeral Team – Wilma/Norm Hagel (403)253-2485

Emergency contacts: Doreen Yochim (403)252-4685 or
Jan Gallant (403)281-4327

Pastoral Care of the Sick – Sheila Padley (403)259-2489 or
Maureen Bramwell (403) 366-0704

Mayfair Nursing Home – Hedy Luijckx (403)252-2902
Grieving/Consolation Ministry – Lois Hagen, Rosemarie Walter,
Pat McMahon, Sr. Evelyn Dechant

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday – 7:30 PM; Gordon Skaluba (403) 255-5248

C.W.L. – 2nd Tuesday – 7:00 PM; Shauna Bedard, (403) 281-4718

Sunday coffee – Ann Bergen (403)252-5384

1st Friday Coffee Social — Rosemarie Baschenis (403) 281-9666

Outreach ministry

St. Vincent de Paul – 3rd Wednesdays – 7:30 PM

Inn From The Cold – 3rd Mondays contact: Jim Duncan (403)252-3163
Noreen Young (403)255-9486

Sandwiches for the drop-in centre – 1st Fridays

Mission Mexico – Anna Schultz

Parish ministry

Parish Pastoral Council – Jill Negenman (403) 253-8586

Parish Finance Council – John Skelton (403)281-5421

Parish Website – Bandi Szakony

Evangelization and Catechetical ministries

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Doreen Yochim coordinator

Christian Initiation of School Age Children – Sarah Morrison, (403) 281-4832

Infant Baptism – parish office, (403) 253-2251

Children's Sacraments – Eucharist, (Patti Dawes, 403-255-7161)
Reconciliation, (Margie Gallagher, 403- 697-5390)
Confirmation – Paul Negenman, 403-253-8586

Pre-Marriage Preparation – Pastoral Team

Marriage Team Leaders – Sponsor Couple Program –
John/Judy Broad (403)253-8697

Scripture Study – Doreen Yochim – coordinator

Little Rock: John Skelton, Jill Moroney

Adult Faith Enrichment – Pastoral Team

Parish Mission Team – Ron and Donna Scott (403) 271-6262

Stewardship Committee – Greg Joevenazzo

Faithful Friends – Denise Webber (403)253-5139

Liturgical Ministry

Liturgy Committee – Sheila Padley (Chairperson)

Sacristans – Bobi-Jean Varner – coordinator (403) 640-7770

Mass Servers – Laurance Daignault (403)281-3665

MUSIC: – parish office (403)253-2251

5:00 PM – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Funeral Choir

Lectors – Chris Simard (403) 730-4776

Hospitality (Ushers and Greeters) – John Hennessey (403)255-7913

Eucharistic ministers - Noreen Hess (403) 255-5183

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers – Yvette Nogue (403)253-1809

Weekday Lectors – Pat Campbell (403)255-0756

Environment and Art – Sue Dondlinger

Prayer Life

Liturgy of the Hours/Prayer of the Church – Sheila Padley (403)259-2489

Holy Hour – Tuesdays – 7:30 PM Melissa Emmelkamp (403)255-1889

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Lucie Just

Prayer Tree – Kay Power (403)255-6241 / Rosemary Fennell (403)281-5701

Christian Meditation – every Wednesday - Anna Tremblay



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PASTORAL TEAM

Doreen Yochim

Bogdan Sianozecki (Pastor)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Gallant

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

Closed for lunch 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

MARRIAGES

By appointment. Please contact the parish office six months before desired date.

BAPTISMS

Preparation and celebration every two months. Please contact the parish office.